

REMARKS

The subject amendment is in response to the non-final action mailed January 31, 2007. In connection to the art rejections, U.S. Pat. No. 4,614,193 (Liss et al.) has been newly cited and relied upon by the Office. The subject reference was not of record in the international phase proceedings of the international application from which the subject national application originates, i.e., Liss et al. was not returned in connection to the International Search Authority's International Search Report.

Of pending claims 3-29, claims 26-29 are noted as allowed. As claim 28 depends directly from rejected claim 13, it is presently rewritten as an independent claim so as to include all limitations of base claim 13. Claims 3-25 are canceled without prejudice for pursuit in one or more continuations that may be filed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance.

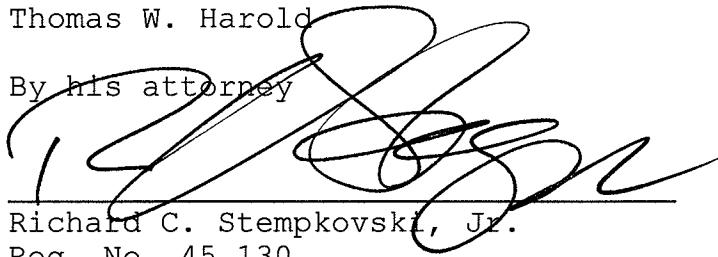
CONCLUSION

In light of the present amendment, the instant application is in condition for allowance, with a swift issuance of such notice requested. As applicable, please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

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